

NPU-V Meeting
February 11th, 2019
Capital Gateway
Fulton Atlanta Community Action Authority Resource Center
341 Kelly St SE
Atlanta, GA 30312

INVOCATION

Columbus Ward convened the meeting. Ms. Ridley led invocation.

Approval of Minutes

There was a motion and second to approve the January minutes: o-no, o-abstain.

Neighborhood Reports

Adair Park - Adair Park Today met last Tuesday. The Met now has cameras connected to APD along Shelton Ave SW. Adair Park approved the rezoning request for 778 Tift Ave from R-4a to R-4b and the Bonnie Brae Park renovation. The change of ownership request for the alcohol license of 1163 Metropolitan Parkway was also approved by the neighborhood.

Capitol Gateway - None

Mechanicsville - Residents asked APD for a better patrol of Windsor Plaza. Ms. Ridley requested NPU-V approve all neighborhood reunions and festivals.

Peoplestown - The community meeting was last Saturday. APD, Turner Field Coalition for Community Benefits, and Emmaus House provided updates. Emmaus House has expanded the boundaries for their Freedom School program and are currently accepting applications. The Barack and Michelle Obama Academy Black History Month program will be 2/26 at 5 PM. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$3 for kids. Peoplestown Neighborhood Association met on 2/20 at BaMO. There will be lunch and learn meeting for neighborhood support and issues every Friday in March at the Rick McDevitt center from 11 AM - 1:30 PM. Contact George Epps at (404) 522-5240.

Pittsburgh - Pittsburgh Homeowners United: PHU met last week and continues to implement the Safe Living Streets Initiative and promote their 'No Dumping' campaign as well as 'Adopt-a-Spot'. Litter control will take place 2/26 at 9 AM on Ira St. and will continue along University Ave.

There was a motion and second to implement meeting recordings as described in the bylaws but was met with an objection. Nathan Brown will return next month with a ruling from the city law department. Joyce Shepard stated that Sunshine Laws allow for recording of a public meeting. The video recording device was moved to the front of the room to record just the NPU-V board in video.

Summerhill - ONS: The Georgia-Hill Center has a new Little Free Library. Little Tart Bakeshop opened on Georgia Avenue. The Atlanta Legends football opener will be on 2/24 at GSU Stadium. SNDC: Garden plots are available at 440 Connally St. Senior grocery trips have been increased to 4 trips twice a month. Students can use the computer lab at the SNDC office 2-5:30 PM Monday - Friday.

Fulton County Community Action Center

The center provides energy bill and rental assistance, GED program help, job placements, and more services and welcomes resident advocacy and support. Call (404) 320-6715 to set an appointment for services.

Roll Call

Adair Park - 3
Capitol Gateway - 0
Mechanicsville - 3
Peoplestown - 4
Pittsburgh - 9
Summerhill - 11

Public Safety

Fire Department - Car seats are available at stations, and your current car seats can be inspected. Smoke and Carbon Monoxide detectors are also available. Keep your bedroom door closed at night to help improve your chances to escape a fire. 'Camp Ignite' is a 3 day program for women interested in joining the Fire Department.

APD Zone 3 - The Super Bowl was taxing. Adair Park will see new resources. Larcenies from vehicles remains an issue. Be aware of 'slider crimes' at gas stations.

Elected Officials

Joyce Sheperd (Council District 12) - There will be a Beltline subarea 2 study meeting on 3/25 at Community Grounds at 6:30 PM. The Beltline stakeholders meeting was canceled. All remaining track is now owned by the city and interim trail construction has started. Renew Atlanta and T-SPLOST funding meetings are upcoming. There is a funding shortage for planned projects and priority projects will be presented for community engagements on 2/26 at Carver High School at 6:30 PM.

Question: What is the status on cancelling Council credit cards?

Answer: City Council members ever had credit cards.

Question: When will Metropolitan Ave crosswalks be replaced?

Answer: They are being worked on this month along with the water grade.

Planner's Report/Voting Matters

Atlanta has adopted a new dockless mobility ordinance - call 311 for issues. The Office of Mobility will hold meetings to discuss their 'Placemaking' program on 2/12 and 2/26.

Exxon Food Mart - Applicant is present and met with Adair Park. Adair Park supports the applicant. It was moved and seconded to support the change of ownership request: 19-yes, 0-no, 2-abstain.

Big 4 Discount SuperMarket - Applicant is present. The owner sought to meet with Pittsburgh Neighborhood association but did not receive a response. PNA stated that the applicant has been operating under the previous owners license for a year. It was moved and seconded to deny the change of ownership: 19-yes, 0-no, 6-abstain

Halfway Crooks Beer - Applicant is present. ONS supports the applicant. It was moved and seconded to approve the new business request: 25-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain.

V-18-385 - Applicant is present. ONS supports the applicant. It was moved and seconded to approve the variance request: 22-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain.

V-19-4 - Applicant is present. PNA supports the applicant. It was moved and seconded to support the variance request: 23-yes, 0-no, 1-abstain.

Z-18-146 - Applicant is present. The rezoning will subdivide the lot for single family homes. Adair Park supports the applicant. It was moved and seconded to support the rezoning request: 23-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain.

Z-19-5 - The ordinance will allow for a sign at the old AT&T building which is currently being used as a movie studio. The sign will create a destination spot for tourism. The building owners and Joyce Shepard are meeting with Adair Par. The ordinance is not ready for voting on yet.

Atlanta School District 6 (Eshé Collins)

There are flyers and newsletters in the back. Parks Middle School programs were formerly at Atlanta Tech, which has been vacant. The State of Carver Cluster will be on 3/6 at 6 PM at Sloan Middle School. Hear feedback from APS regarding Equity in Excellence on 2/25 at Hope Hill Elementary.

Question: Parks Middle School is currently housing elementary students. Would Collins help support speed bump installation to improve student safety?

Answer: Collins will support the effort.

Question: Are there currently recommendations to close Carver High School?

Answer: No, there is no push to close Carver High School which i currently experiencing growth.

Question: Are there plans for alternative discipline programs?

Answer: There is ongoing work to help create programs.

Presentations

Lupus Foundation - The Foundation has 4 full-time employees and 100 volunteers. Lupus is an autoimmune disease. The FOundation raises \$700,000-\$800,000 yearly for research, awareness, and emergency remediation. There is a walk every year, and this year it will be 4/27 at GSU stadium, branching out into Summerhill. The walk raised \$350,000 last year. There was a motion to provide a support letter for the walk: 23-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain.

City of Atlanta

Public Works - Sign up for Notify ATL - you can text NotifyATL to 888777. Atlanta Recycles Day will be 2/16 at Greenbriar Mall.

Announcements

There was a motion and second to approve all neighborhood reunions and festivals: 19-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain.

Care and Conserve Plumbing Repair - Money is available for free repairs for single family homes.

Georgia WAND - The 'Real State of the Union Address' will be 2/23 from 5:30-8PM in partnership with the Arts Exchange at 2148 Newnan St. Visit gawand.org.

Atlanta Volunteer Lawyers - Annual housing day will be 2/27 at 8 AM in the old City Hall Auditorium. The Association addresses evictions on a legislative level to protect tenants and is working to eliminate blight with microgrants. Call (404)-586-0740 for more information and services.

Sohna Harzeez - Assistance is requested for quarterly financial literacy programs.

Joyce Shepard - Code Enforcement Academy will be 3/16 to educate residents on blight. Register for the 5-day class which takes place every other week from 9:30AM - 12:30 PM. After completing the class, you will receive a certification. Call (404) 330-6053 or email codeacademy@atlantaga.gov.